(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take in this matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Allocation of Funds for Ayurveda

2712. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since the Prime Minister has stated on the 28th October that funds would also be allocated for Ayurveda, Yoga and other systems of medicines in the next plan;

(b) whether the Planning Commission whould be allotting sufficient funds for this purpose; and

(c) if so, the percentage of Government's allocation in the next plan for Ayurveda, Yoga, etc. systems of medicines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (c) Recognizing the crucial role that ISM&H could play in the health care delivery, Planning Commission supported the creation of a separate Department of ISM&H during the Eighth Plan period to provide focused thrust in important areas and increased the allocation for ISM&H to Rs. 108.10 crores.

To assist the newly-formed Department of ISM&H to draw up the Ninth Plan proposals, separate Working Group for ISM&H was constituted by the Planning Commission. The Ninth Plan outlay for Dept. of ISM&H (Rs. 266.35 crores) was more than two and a half times the outlay provided during the Eighth Plan. During the Ninth Plan Period there had been a progressive increase in the annual outlays: Rs. 35.30 crores in 1997-98, Rs. 50 crores in 1998-99, Rs. 59.13 crores in 1999-2002, Rs. 100.00 crores in 2000-01 and Rs. 120.00 crores in 2001-02. The sum of the annual outlays (Rs. 364.43 crores) exceeded the 9th Plan outlay for the Department.

Allocation of funds during the next Plan (Tenth Plan) has not yet been finalized but every effort will be made to provide sufficient funds to Department of ISM&H.